

G.O.P. FORCES TO FIGHT PASSAGE OF U.S. ARMY BILL

Kahn Threatens Filibuster If Attempt to Force Cut Is Made.

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Administration forces in the House prepared to filibuster today, if necessary to prevent the forced passage of the 116,000-army bill.

With many members out of town, Chairman Kahn, of the Military Affairs Committee, who is leading the fight for President Harding against the measure, insisted that a vote on passage be delayed until Monday or Tuesday of next week. This would afford him opportunity for amending the bill to bring up the number of men to be retained.

President Harding will be back in Washington from his Southern jaunt by that time. It is believed he will plunge into the work of straightening out this perplexing opposition of House Republicans, but his efforts, it was predicted, will meet with little success.

Passage in the House of the 116,000-man measure was regarded today as practically certain, although the margin of votes is expected to be narrow. House leaders have been notified that the Senate will insist upon a greater force and the ultimate result is expected to be a compromise.

Kahn will seek to amend the bill by bringing up the number of men from 116,000 to 145,000, with additional provision for 7,000 Philippine scouts. He is willing to have other provisions of the measure disposed of, but today served notice on Chairman Anthony, of the subcommittee on appropriations, which handled the reduced army bill that he would conduct a filibuster if passage of the bill was attempted later in the day.

Virginians Open New Coal Mine in Kentucky

WHITESBURG, Ky., March 18.—Virginia people, including S. L. Robinson and W. S. Elliott of that State, have organized the College Coal Mining Company of Pikeville, in Pike county, with a capital of \$100,000 after announcing a first class development for the Little Creek section of Pike county. It is given out that two thousand acres or more will be developed, the initial work to start at once. It is planned to start the initial shipments by May 1.

It has just been announced that the Blackwood Coal & Coke Company, operating on the Virginia side around Blackwood, has punctured the Big Black Mountain, having reached the Kentucky side on Cumberland river. Mining has come through the mountain at several different points. This is one of the veteran companies operating in southwestern Virginia.

DENY EPIDEMIC PREVAILS.

Reports that an epidemic of smallpox was raging in Costa Rica were denied yesterday by the Costa Rican minister. The minister said that he had just communicated with his government and had been informed that there was not a single case of smallpox in the country.

Sailor, Jobless, Does Washing to Aid Parents

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 18.

EVER an optimist, despite almost a year of fruitless job hunting, Roy Schuman, eighteen-year-old former sailor, is making a success of taking in washings to support himself and his invalid parents.

Schuman was discharged from the navy in February, 1921. He arrived home to find his parents ill and unable to support themselves. Failing to find anything better he hit upon the idea of doing laundry work for his neighbors and the experience has been successful.

Secret 12 Will "Club" Women Into Matrimony

CHICAGO, March 18.—A matrimonial club of twelve members has been organized among the officers of the Army and Navy Club, Major Frank L. Beals announced.

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JUDGE FIXES WORKING RULES FOR PRESSMEN

Number of Men to Operate Machines Determined by Arbitration.

A finding has been handed down by Chief Justice McCoy, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, acting as neutral member of an arbitration board of three, that four men should be employed on quadruple presses, five on sextuple, and seven on octuple presses in Washington newspaper publishing plants. The publishers had contended that they should be permitted to determine how many men should be employed.

The question, together with other matters affecting working conditions, was referred to the arbitration board after the agreement between the publishers and the union had expired by limitation last fall, following which a wage reduction of \$2 a week had been agreed upon by both parties. The finding will be put into the form of a new agreement to continue until September, 1923.

In his memorandum accompanying the decision, Justice McCoy pointed out, however, that "the con-

tract fixes the number of men for a press in actual operation, and not for a press wholly or partly 'dead,' nor does it require that any man or certain men are to operate a certain press and no other."

In reaching his conclusions not to grant the publishers their contention that the publishers be permitted to fix the number of men to be employed "with due regard to efficient operation of the presses and the hazard of the work," Justice McCoy further said: "If it were clear that the wish to fix the number of employees is due to a desire to limit production without reference to what may be reasonably expected of every man, the decision would be easy. Arbitrary limitation of output cannot be approved."

First Serious Illness

Fatal to Woman, 100

WEST ORANGE, N. J., March 18.—The first serious illness in her 100 years of existence proved fatal for Miss Elizabeth Babb of Ridge Place. Hundreds of friends, including Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, helped Miss Babb celebrate her hundredth birthday on February 12. A week ago, she suffered a paralytic stroke.

Cooking Blamed for Poor Health of Workingmen

EAST LANSING, Mich., March 18.

One-third of all the workingmen in the United States can't go to work every day because of poor health, and the blame lies with the American housewife, declared Miss Mary Eweeney, dean of the department of home economics.

"It's the housewife's duty to remedy this condition. Poor food and bad health habits are the greatest factors in poor health and unfitness."

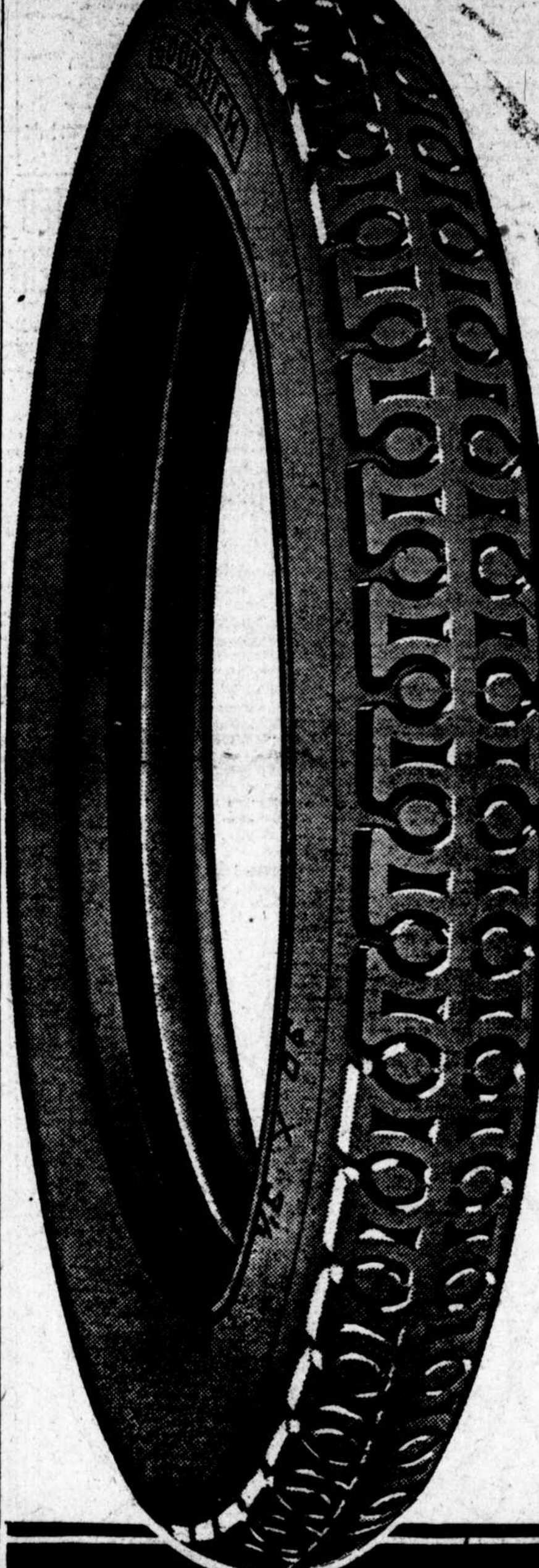
War Department Will Honor "Last of A. E. F."

Special ceremonies will mark the arrival on March 30 at New York of the United States army transport Cambrail from Europe with the final shipment of American overseas dead, the War Department announced yesterday.

Maj. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, commanding the Second corps area, will be in charge of the ceremonies. Acting Secretary of War Wainwright has written a letter to Sec-

retary of the Navy Denby inviting the navy to join the army in rendering special honors to the overseas dead. The Cambrail will bring back to the United States 1,303 bodies. This will bring the total returned to the United States for reinterment to 45,712. There will remain in Europe 21,348 of our overseas dead, of which eighty-nine have been shipped to foreign countries other than those in which the soldiers died. Of the total of 48,423 bodies returned to the United States on December 31, 1921, 37,710 were reinterred in private cemeteries and 5,713 in national cemeteries.

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